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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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In the Matter of)

MUR 5811

Doggett for U.S. Congress and James Cousar,
in his official capacity as Treasurer;
Kristi Willis)

SENSITIVE

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT #2

I. ACTIONS RECOMMENDED

Accept the attached conciliation agreements with Doggett for U.S. Congress and James Cousar, in his official capacity as Treasurer (the "Committee"), and Kristi Willis and close the file in MUR 5811.

II. BACKGROUND

On September 12, 2006, the Commission found reason to believe that Doggett for U.S. Congress and James Cousar, in his official capacity as Treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 432(c)(5), 434(b)(4)(h)(v), 434(b)(6)(A) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(b) by failing to properly report disbursements totaling \$168,402 and that Kristi Willis knowingly and willfully violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 432(b)(3) and 439a(b) as a result of having embezzled the same amount from the Committee.

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III. DISCUSSION

Attached are signed conciliation agreements submitted by the Committee and Kristi Willis. We recommend that the Commission accept these agreements and close the file.

A. The Committee

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B. Kristi Willis

Willis has already pled to state charges of misapplication of fiduciary funds, a second-degree felony, and has been sentenced to a short jail sentence and four years probation. As a condition of her probation, Willis is required to repay the Committee approximately \$123,402 at the rate of \$1,000 per month, subject to an annual review of her tax returns to determine if she can pay more in restitution. Willis also has personal debts of approximately \$108,000.

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IV. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Accept the attached conciliation agreement with Doggett for U.S. Congress and James Cousar, in his official capacity as Treasurer;
2. Accept the attached conciliation agreement with Kristi Willis;
2. Close the file; and
3. Approve the appropriate letters.

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Attachments

1. Conciliation Agreement for Doggett for U.S. Congress and James Cousar, in his official capacity as Treasurer
2. Conciliation Agreement for Kristi Willis
3. Financial Disclosure Statement for Kristi Willis

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